

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2013*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish Community Alliance in Jacksonville, Florida. During this period of time, the JCA has become a pillar of good works in the community and has enriched the lives of tens of thousands of people who have sought assistance in a plethora of ways. JCA has worked tirelessly fulfilling its mission to enhance the quality of life for those in need regardless of age, religion, race, financial capabilities, and physical and mental abilities.

On April 20, 2013, the family of the Jewish Community Alliance will celebrate its positive impact on our community. Open to people—young and old—the JCA offers classes in fitness, gardening, and art. There are concerts for the young and the young-at-heart. You can learn chess or play sports in a family-friendly atmosphere. Summer days are filled with fun at a variety of youth camps, and kids and parents enjoy scientific discovery challenges together.

The JCA is celebrating a quarter of a century of providing pre-school age children with an enriched start in life and of offering adults and teens ways to improve their health and to partake in enrichment classes.

For the last 25 years the JCA has provided a place that benefits both young and old and has enhanced its participants' lives by allowing them to share intergenerational values. Children attend quality after-school programs that give comfort to their parents, and those with special needs, whether adults or children, are encouraged to reach their full potential with dignity.

JCA has a rich history of making a difference in our Jacksonville community. The faces of the children and those who come to the JCA may change each year, but the mission remains the same—making a difference in the lives of those it touches.

It is my honor to bring this historic commemoration of a quarter century of service to the community to the attention of the United States Congress and to invite Members to join me in extending our appreciation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE NURSES ASSOCIATION ON THEIR 27TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LOIS CAPPs**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2013*

Mrs. CAPPs. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my fellow nurses within the Hos-

pice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) as they celebrate their 27th anniversary. HPNA is the Nation's largest and oldest professional nursing organization and has consistently been a leader in excellence in the field.

Nurses are truly the backbone of our healthcare system. As our Nation ages, we will increasingly depend on the skilled care of hospice and palliative nurses to help our loved ones through difficult times. Their tireless dedication to patient education and care sustains our communities.

Last year I spoke at a briefing on Capitol Hill with hospice and palliative care nurses, families, caregivers, and patients to encourage discussion on this very important, yet often overlooked area.

Palliative care is a patient-centered philosophy that provides quality, compassionate end-of-life care. By honoring informed patient choice, palliative care nurses help make a challenging time a little easier for patients and their loved ones. I hope this topic continues to be part of our professional and personal dialogues.

This is important work and I hope you will join me in recognition of these leaders in aging and long-term care. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to quality nursing. I congratulate my hospice and palliative care nursing colleagues and wish them continued success.

NASHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
HORNETTES

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2013*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding victory of the Nashville Community High School Hornets girls' basketball team in the recent State Championships.

The Hornets put together an outstanding performance against their division's top ranked team to take the Class 2A State Championship 42–29. I would like to congratulate Coach Wayne Harre, whose efforts over the past 12 seasons as well as those of Nashville High School's coaching staff, teachers and administrators, have brought to fruition the talent of our youth and seen these fine young ladies achieve an outstanding result.

These young ladies: Erica Brown, Madi May, Katy Kosydar, Kiley Pelker, Emily Gill, Shawn Renegarbe, Rachel Reid, Jordi Harre, Hannah Yung, Shayne Harre, Alli Kellerman, Haylee Kania, Jeni Krawiecki and Madison Frerker have represented themselves, their school, and their community with distinction. I look forward to watching their future successes in both their academic and athletic pursuits and wish them all the best in these endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Nashville Hornets on a job well done.

IN HONOR OF PEACE CORPS  
VOLUNTEER NICHOLAS CASTLE

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2013*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of Peace Corps Volunteer Nicholas Castle. Nick died on February 7th at a hospital in Chengdu, China after a brief illness. By all accounts, Nick exemplified the best of what both America and Peace Corps has to offer the world. He was a bright young man from Brentwood, California who brought a sense of humor, creativity, and a willingness to say yes to his life.

Service played an important role in the all too brief arc of Nick's life. Growing up in Brentwood, he worked with the city Youth Commissioner to support community service events that raised money for annual scholarships for college-bound students. As an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley, Nick was equally as invested in service as the Director of Global Outreach Week, a week of activities demonstrating the actions and benefits students and faculty can have around the world. He also worked with the local Peace Corps campus recruiter to encourage students to apply to serve.

In August 2012, Nick was sworn in as a Peace Corps Volunteer in China where he taught university-level English in Guizhou Province. In his short time there, Nick left a big impression, through the English classes he taught, community office hours he hosted, and ping-pong and badminton games he played. It is no surprise that his students called him "Mr. Sunshine."

I offer my profound condolences to Nick's parents, David and Susan Castle, and to his three brothers. There is no deeper pain for a parent than the loss of a child. But Nick leaves behind a legacy of accomplishments that have forever made this world a better place.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AND COURAGE OF  
MARGARET "PEGGY SUE"  
O'DONNELL

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 4, 2013*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, this Friday, March 8, is the date of the official dinner of the Grand Marshal of the 16th Annual Carbon County St. Patrick's Day Parade, and today I rise to recognize the leadership and community service of this year's Parade Grand Marshal, Margaret "Peggy Sue" O'Donnell.

Peggy Sue's first real job was in the microfilm department in the Carbon County Courthouse in Jim Thorpe, where she worked

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